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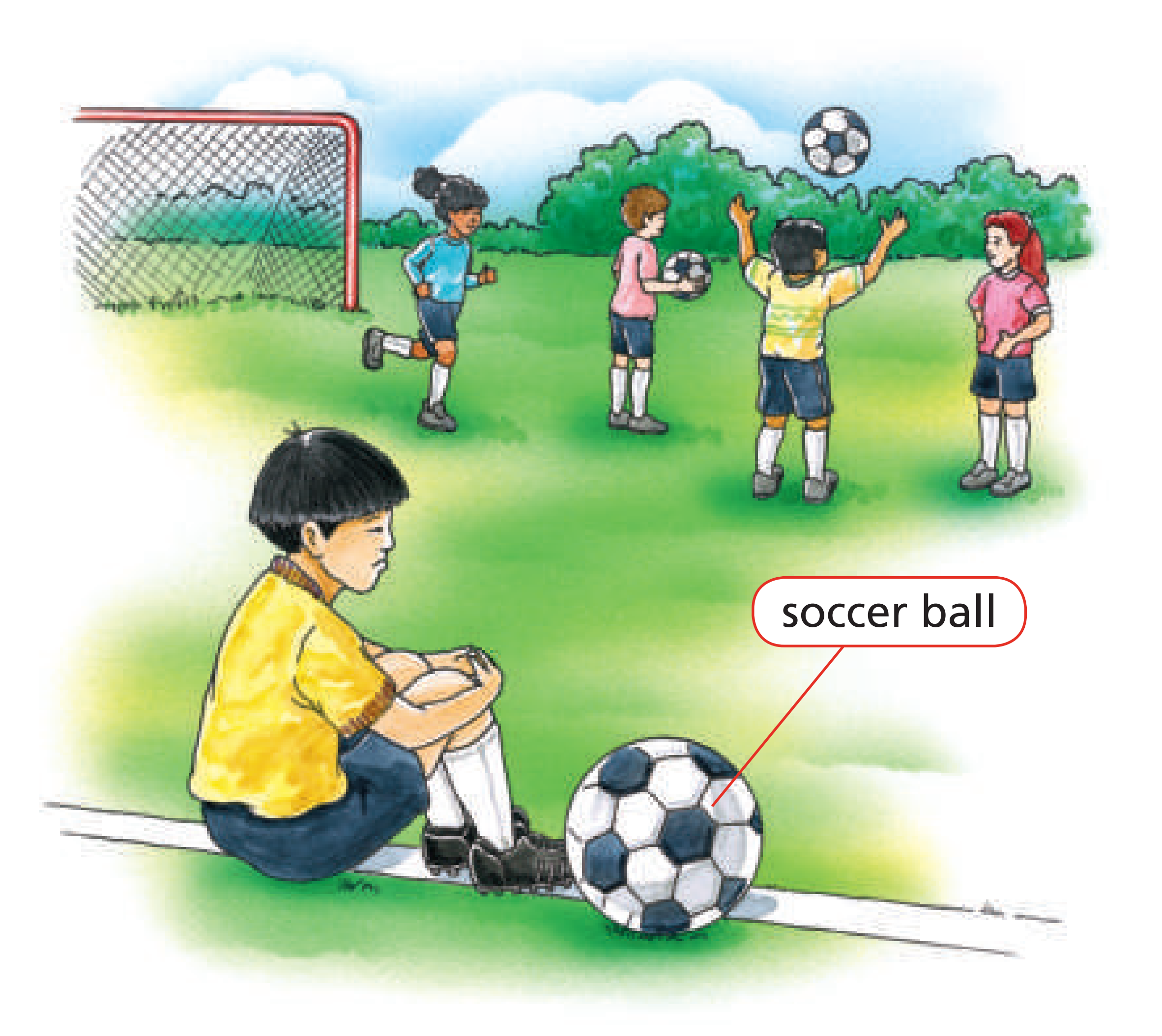


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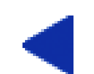


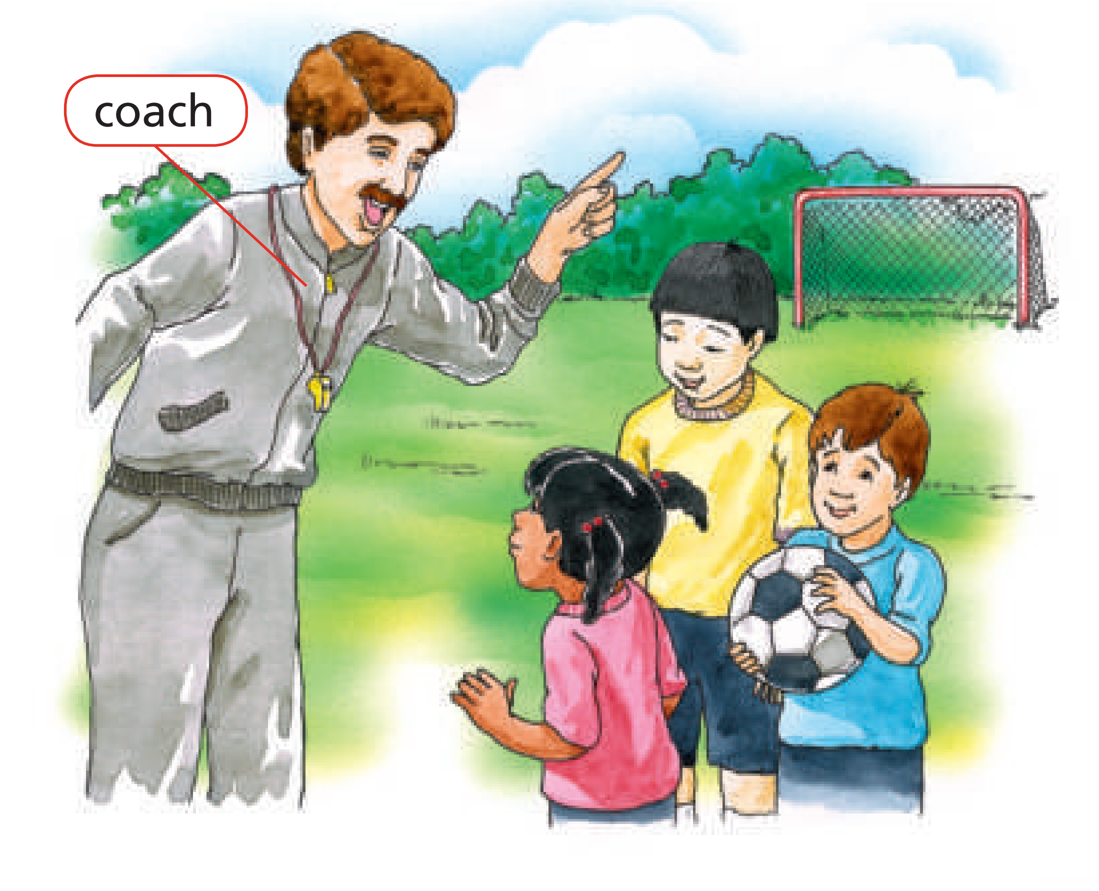




Adam looked at his new soccer team. Today was the first day of practice. He didn't know anyone. Being on a new team was not easy.

Last year he was on the Blue Comets. He loved playing with his friends Sonny and Liam. Adam wanted to be on his old soccer team.



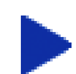




"I'm Coach King," a man said. "Welcome to the Strikers. We're going to have fun."

"Let's go, kids!" said Coach King. "We'll practice passing the ball."

Adam practiced with Chuck and Lara. They played well. They worked hard.





Coach King showed the kids how to pass the ball by kicking it.

"Shout a name when you pass the ball," said Coach King. "Let your buddy know the ball is coming. Talk to each other on the field!"

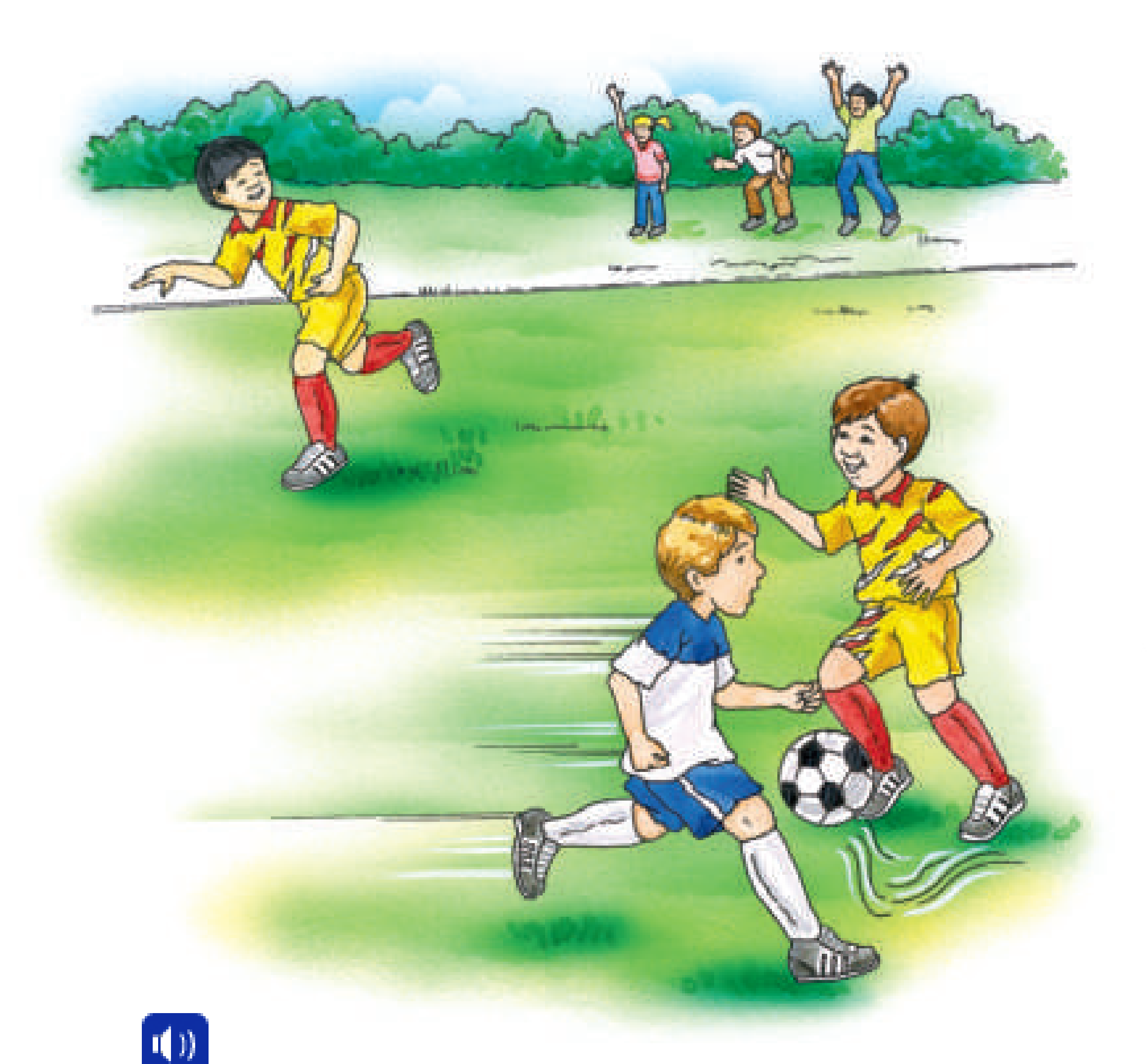
Adam was learning a lot about playing soccer.





The first game was against the Blue Comets. Adam watched his friends Sonny and Liam slap hands. It wasn't fair. He wanted to be with them.

"Are you ready, Strikers?" asked Coach King. "Remember to play as a team, together." He gave everyone a "high five" by softly slapping hands.



Both teams played well. The game was almost over. The score was tied. Each team had 3 goals.

Adam had to remember not to kick the ball to his old teammates, Liam and Sonny. He tried hard to think about his new team. Adam smiled at Chuck.





Adam and Chuck passed the ball to each other. The Blue Comets had trouble catching up to the Strikers.

Adam passed the ball to Lara. She scored by kicking it into the net!

The whistle blew. The Strikers won, 4 goals to 3!



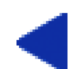




"What a game!" said Coach King. "I'm so proud of you. You really played as a team."

"I'll see you at the next practice," Chuck called.

"Yes, good-bye," said Adam. He felt happy to have new friends. He was proud to be on the Striker team.





Talk About It

1. Why does Adam no longer feel sad at the end of the story?
2. Why are friends important on a new team or in a new place?

Write About It

3. On a separate sheet of paper, write about your favorite coach or your favorite teacher.

Extend Language

In the game of soccer, to *pass* the ball is to kick the ball to another player. To *score* is to make a point for your team by kicking the ball into a goal.

What other soccer words are in the story?

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